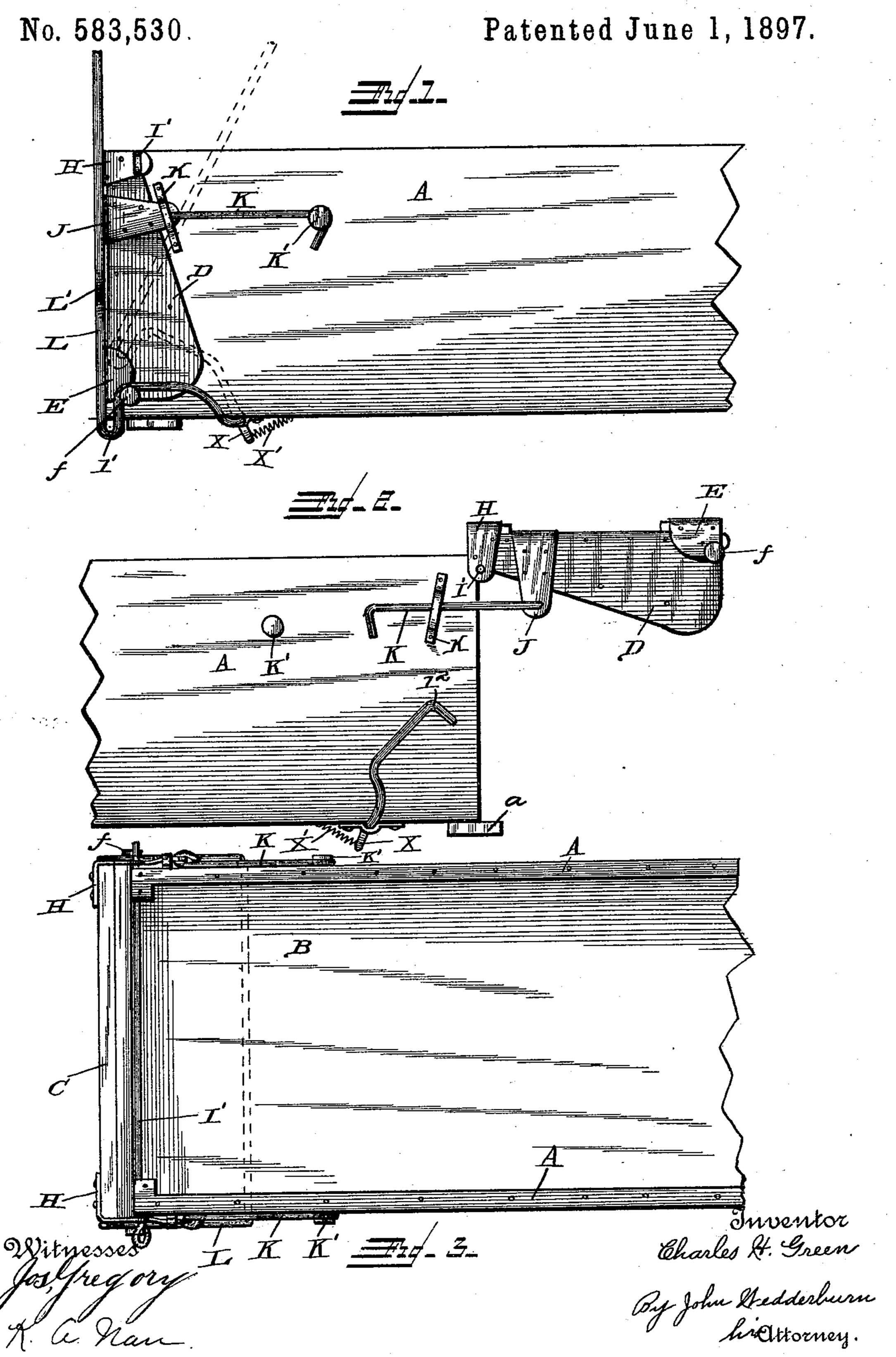
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## END-GATE FOR WAGONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. GREEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Swaledale, in the county of Cerro Gordo and State 5 of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in End-Gates for Wagons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the to art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in end-gates for wagons. It has for its objects, among others, to provide 15 a simple and cheap end-gate or end-door adapted to be held by a lever and that can be used for a dump for small grain and shelled corn or the like, as well as for a shovelingboard for ear-corn; also, for loading stock.

The other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

25 accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved end-gate. Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation 30 with the metallic strip thrown up. Fig. 3 is a top plan.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts

throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings 35 by letter, A designates the side-bars and B the bottom of the wagon.

C is the end-board or tail-gate, provided on each end with the metallic side strips D and at the lower corners with the casing E, which 40 serve to protect the same and from which extend the lateral pins, having heads f. The lower end of this gate rests upon a projecting ledge a at the rear end of the bottom of the wagon. At the top edge of the end-gate are the 45 metallic pieces H, having openings through which and through suitable eyes on the top of the sides of the wagon passes the removable pin I', which serves to hold the end-gate in its closed position. Plates J, secured to op-50 posite ends of the end-gate, have openings in their forward ends, in which are loosely engaged, so as to have pivotal movement, the

hooks K, which are adapted to pass through keepers k on the outer faces of the sides of the wagon, and the hook ends thereof engage 55 pins K' on the outer faces of said sides.

L is a rod mounted in suitable bearings seated on the under side of the bottom of the wagon so as to rock therein, one end being extended rearward along the side of the wagon 60 and bent upward to constitute a lever L', the said rod being bent at the junction of the lower end of the lever with the horizontal portion to form a bend l', adapted to engage one of the projecting pins on the lower end 65 of the end-gate. The other end of this rod extends beyond the opposite side of the wagon and has its rear end bent at right angles, as seen at l2, to engage the opposite pin of said end-gate.

The operation will be readily understood from the preceding description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. The opposite portions of the lever may be disengaged from the projecting pins on the 75 The invention is clearly illustrated in the | end-gate and the rod passes through the eyes on the upper faces of the sides and through the openings in the plates on the upper ends of the end-gate, thus serving as a hinge, so that the lower end may be swung out as much 80 as required. The end-gate may be lowered by disengaging the said rod.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the nature or spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its ad- 85 vantages.

The rod which extends across the bottom of the box may be provided with a bend or depression X, beneath which is a coiled spring X', confined between the same and the plate 90 on the bottom of the box, so as to provide a yielding tension, whereby the jar over the rough roads or frozen ground will not unlock the same.

What I claim as new is— The combination with the side-boards and bottom of a wagon, of a tail-gate provided at each end with a metallic side strip D and at each lower corner with a casing E with a lateral pin extending therefrom and provided 100 with a head, the lower end of the gate resting upon a projecting ledge at the rear end of said bottom, metallic pieces Hat the top edge of said gate having openings, removable pins

passed through the openings in said pieces and through eyes on the top of the sides of the wagon, plates J at opposite ends of the end-gate and having openings, hooks engaging said openings, keepers on the outer faces of the sides of the wagon, and pins also on said sides, a rod mounted in bearings on the under side of the bottom with one end extended rearward along the side of the wagon and bent upward to constitute a lever, said rod being bent at the junction of the lower end of the lever with the horizontal portion forming a bend for engaging one of the pro-

jecting pins on the lower end of the tail-gate, the other end of said rod being extended to the opposite side of the wagon with its rear end bent at right angles to engage the opposite pin of said gate, all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this 20 specification in the presence of two subscrib-

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